

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-5, drawn to processes of making compounds.

Group II, claims 6-8, drawn to products.

**For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-5.**

The requirement for restriction as it is set forth by the Examiner is respectfully traversed, on the ground that additional invention groups identified by the Examiner could efficiently be examined in this application along with the elected invention without undue burden on the Examiner or the USPTO.

The Examiner has also required an election of species in the present application. Therefore, Applicants elect with traverse the single species wherein the cyclic carbonate is ethylene carbonate, the cyclic ether is ethylene oxide, and the carbonate ether has a structure represented by formula (2) wherein  $R^1$  is  $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$  and  $R^2$  is  $-\text{CH}_3$  (that is, a carbonate ether represented by the formula:  $\text{CH}_3\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCOOCH}_3$ ). All claims read on the elected species.

Applicants respectfully remind the Examiner that should the Examiner not find prior art, which renders the elected species unpatentable, the Examiner is required to expand the search to include a reasonable number of additional species. (See MPEP 809.02).

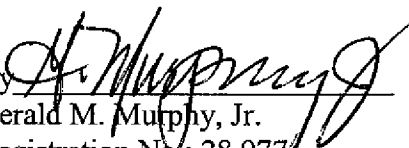
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Chad M. Rink, Registration No. 58,258 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- ☐ Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- ☐ Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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